### §597. Rules and regulations; cooperation with other agencies; compensation of officers and employees; effect on other laws

The Secretary may make such rules, regulations, and orders, and require such reports, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and may cooperate with any department or agency of the Government, any State, Territory, District, or possession, or department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, or any person, whether operating in one or more jurisdictions; and shall have the power to appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of such officers and employees not in conflict with existing law, and make such expenditures for rent outside the District of Columbia, printing, binding, telegrams, telephones, law books, books of reference, publications, furniture, stationery, office equipment, travel, and other supplies and expenses including reporting services, as shall be necessary to the administration of this chapter in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and as may be appropriated for by Congress. This chapter shall not abrogate nor nullify any other statute, whether State or Federal, dealing with the same subjects as this chapter; but it is intended that all such statutes shall remain in full force and effect except insofar as they are inconsistent herewith or repugnant hereto.

(Pub. L. 86–687, §7, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 735.)

#### § 598. Separability

If any provision of the chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the chapter and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 86-687, §8, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 735.)

#### § 599. Definitions

When used in this chapter—

- (1) The term "person" includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, and associations.
- (2) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.
- (3) Except as provided herein, the term "foreign commerce" means commerce between any State, or the District of Columbia, and any place outside of the United States or its possessions.
- (4) The term "grapes" means vinifera species table grapes, European type, whether or not they have been in storage.
- (5) The term "plums" means both European and Japanese type, whether or not they have been in storage, but does not mean Italiantype prunes, nor damson-type plums.

(Pub. L. 86-687, § 9, Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 735.)

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It is declared that the disruption of the orderly exchange of commodities in interstate commerce impairs the purchasing power of farmers and destroys the value of agricultural assets which support the national credit structure and that these conditions affect transactions in agricultural commodities with a national public interest, and burden and obstruct the normal channels of interstate commerce.

(May 12, 1933, ch. 25, title I, §1, 48 Stat. 31; June 3, 1937, ch. 296, §§1, 2(a), 50 Stat. 246.)

### SHORT TITLE

Section 8(a) of act June 16, 1933, ch. 90, 48 Stat. 199, provided in part that title I of act May 12, 1933, which is classified to this chapter, may for all purposes be referred to as the "Agricultural Adjustment Act."

## Validity of Certain Sections Affirmed

Act June 3, 1937, ch. 296, §§1, 2, 50 Stat. 246, provided as follows: "The following provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, not having been intended for the control of the production of agricultural commodities, and having been intended to be effective irrespective of the validity of any other provision of that Act are expressly affirmed and validated, and are reenacted without change except as provided in section

- "(a) Section 1 (relating to the declaration of emergency [this section]):
- "(b) Section 2 (relating to declaration of policy [section 602 of this title]):
- (c) Section 8a(5), (6), (7), (8), and (9) (relating to violations and enforcement [section 608a(5), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of this title]);
- "(d) Section 8b (relating to marketing agreements [section 608b of this title]);
- "(e) Section 8c (relating to orders [section 608c of this title]);
- "(f) Section 8d (relating to books and records [section 608d of this title]);
- '(g) Section 8e (relating to determination of base period [former section 608e of this title]);
- "(h) Section 10(a), (b)(2), (c), (f), (g), (h), and (i) (miscellaneous provisions [section 610(a), (b)(2), (c), (f), (g),
- (h), and (i) of this title]);

  "(i) Section 12(a) and (c) (relating to appropriation and expenses [section 612(a) and (c) of this title]);